

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 21, 2016

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Mike Nonni, Charles Tirone, Susan Chapnick, Catherine Garnett and Janine White. Member Curt Connors and Associate Eileen Coleman were not present. Also present was Bruce Wheltle.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Chapnick/DWhite motioned to approve the 12/3 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

DWhite/JWhite motioned to approve the 12/17 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith received a request to forward a support letter for the **Mystic Riverfront Restoration** proposed project from Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to the Department of Environmental Protection grant review committee.

Action Item: Ms. Garnett and Ms. Chapnick recommended an example letter be drafted to make it easier for DCR to comply. Ms. Beckwith to draft letter; Ms. Garnett will forward this request to DCR in person.

The **Waterbodies** working group will meet with the Town Manager on Feb. 4 at 7pm to review the report.

7:45pm **Discussion** - Spy Pond shoreline stabilization project – RFP for Study

Ms. Garnett completed the 30% Request for Proposals (RFP). She met with the Town Engineer, who also approved the RFP. The project fits in with the CPA Plan “Open Space Needs and Goals”:

Preserve, maintain, and enhance existing open spaces, including watersheds, water bodies, and natural areas...

The application is due to the Community Preservation Committee by 2/22. She forwarded the RFP to the Commission via email and will send addendum.

Ms. Garnett asked that a working group review the submittals for the RFP; Mr. Nonni, Karen Grossman (Friends of Spy Pond Park), Wayne Chouinard (Town Engineer), Mr. Tirone and Ms. Garnett will be on this working group.

Action Item: Mr. Stevens asked Mr. D. White, as a liaison to the Open Space Committee, to write Letter of Support for the Spy Pond study project.

Commission Business (cont.):

The Commission will generate a list of **Conservation projects** to apply for Community Preservation monies in the future and in addition, to be in the pipeline for Capital Planning projects.

Mr. White announced that the **Discover East Arlington** meeting met and about a dozen people attended.

Mr. White also forwarded draft **Land Steward** website pages for input from the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator